

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

October 14, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Michael Kelly (W2)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on October 7, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending October 13, 2010 in the amount of \$ 242,868.49 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of October 7 – October 13, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from October 5 – October 8, 2010
- Finance Department Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the Month of September 2010
- Statement from the City Clerk's Office of all monies received during the month of September 2010 in the total amount of \$19,985.64

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 2,295,505.00 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Discussion:

Councilor Rabideau wanted to mention that \$970,115.39 of this is part of the settlement to PETNY this defunct trust that they talked about last week and that is why it is so high.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain and the City Assessor to write-off duplicate property tax billings in the amount of \$799.44 plus accumulated interest according to the listing submitted for the record of this meeting. These property taxes were assessed in error by the New York State Office of Real Property and tax services to the sub-lessees of an underground right-of-way for access to a shared fiber-optic telecommunication network.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
Discussion:

Councilor Calnon stated the resolution language was modified to add “by the New York State Office of Real Property and tax services.”

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Kevin Farrington City Engineer and David Brown to attend the “New York State GIS Conference” from October 25 – 26, 2010 in Saratoga Springs, NY at an estimated cost of \$640.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the City Chamberlain to amend the 2010 Budget per the attached budget adjustment to include appropriation of \$60,000 of the unappropriated General Fund balance for Judgments and Claims expense thereby providing funds for the cost of the insurance settlement of the Joan Perry injury claim.
2. Request from the Superintendent of Recreation for the City Council to accept the proposed recreation fee structure, a copy of which is included in the minutes for this meeting.

Councilor Jackson asked **Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters** is the reason that these are here now is so that they can get these published for next year?

Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters said yes and no. The main motivation is with all the new equipment at the Gym and the new interest they are getting, they are starting to teach some fitness classes. The rate would require one to pay \$10 per day and partake of one of their classes and that is just too high it doesn't fit the industry standard for the rest of the facilities in the area.

Councilor Jackson asked if they adopt this next week when will the new rates go in to effect.

Superintendent of Recreation Steve Peters said he would put them in to effect right away it is also the indoor soccer schedule. A lot of these things; the summer programs, the gym memberships haven't changed, other than the day pass, so he would put in effect then they would be all set for next year and it won't affect their budget.

Councilor Jackson said he was just going to ask that.

3. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bids for PMLD BID NO. 2010-10-2 “2000 KVA 12470kV Voltage Padmount Transformer.” Bid Opening Date: November 30, 2010 at 11:00 am.

4. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot to extend the contractual benefits of Officer Levi Ritter who is out on a work related injury. This is to extend his benefits 12 weeks, until 01/07/11.

Councilor Carpenter asked if anyone knew when Mr. Ritter's benefits will run out and do they need to move this tonight?

Councilor Calnon said he no it does not need to be moved tonight.

5. Request from Community Development Office to advertise for bids for building improvements on Project Main Street, BIP # 14-2008 REBID "62-66 Margaret Street" (Mr. Woo).
6. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD for Kelly Clookey Finance Officer to attend the "MEUA Accounting and Finance Workshop" from November 16-18, 2010 in East Syracuse, NY at an estimated cost of \$470.00.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Rabideau would like to thank the residents of Park Avenue in the last couple weeks there has been a lot of work on Park Avenue and there has been a disruption he is sure of the normal activities that the residents normally take during the course of the day. They also had a break late in the day of one of the water lines that was unexpected and it meant the water was off for an additional time period. He would have wished they would have notified some of the people on side streets, but, he wants to thank the residents for their patience and understanding so far in the work that has been done on Park Avenue.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington stated the water line work is 100% complete as of yesterday.

Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi said however they are going to be shutting the water off on Leonard Avenue between Park and Broad because they had a broken valve discovered during the work.

Councilor Rabideau asked if they are going to notify the people well ahead.

Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi yes a flier will go out to each house.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington wanted to state for the record that to his knowledge every single person ever having water outage was notified ahead of time with the only exception being the water main break which was totally unexpected happenstance and was obviously totally impossible to notify somebody water main break. But every single person was notified on that project from start to finish.

Councilor Rabideau said they were notified, he talked to some residents, but sometimes the water wasn't shut off that particular day that they were notified or it was maybe a day later. Which is understandable and the people were understanding that he talked to. They said they didn't expect the construction to fall right in line with exactly the time period that they were notified. He thinks they showed extreme patience and

understanding.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said the neighbors have been great.

Councilor Valentine said she won't be here next week she will be at a conference in Austin.

Councilor Carpenter asked **City Engineer Kevin Farrington** if he could give them an update on the Saranac River Trail.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said they are progressing nicely. The bank has been cleared tremendously. Most of the path is in; the fence rail along the river bank they are getting pretty close it is on or actually a little ahead of schedule. November 5th is the contract completion date they will probably beat that by a little bit.

Councilor Carpenter asked when Steltzer will be back open.

City Engineer Kevin Farrington said at that time once their complete by November 5th.

Councilor Jackson suggested if they have a chance they should go over it is nice.

Councilor Rabideau asked **Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi** if they were notifying the news media on Leonard Avenue shut off.

Superintendent of Public Works Mike Brodi said yes.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:43 pm